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WAR PRODUCTION

HE SATURDAY Evening Post appears in that united not cause uneasiness in plutocratic circles. No farmer will degroup of publications, the editors of which have a sound concept of war production.

The money cost of the war to 1916 was 60 billions. The inhabitants of the fighting countries saved this sum in two by its mastodonic comprehensiveness. years and five months. Doubtless they saved more. It is unreasonable to suppose that other forms of saving entirely disappeared. However, quoting the Saturday Evening Post:-

In all these countries a certain amount of capital lay available for investment at the beginning of the war. England and France sold foreign securities and put the proceeds into the war pot. Liquidation of some business provided further sums. But the amount raised in these ways must have been a relatively small part of the total. The remainder has been saved out of the income during the war-that is, the people of the belligerent nations have produced enough to support themselves and yield a balance of well toward sixty billion dollars for their governments to spend on the war.

The custom of speaking in terms of finance, rather than i terms of production obscures a little this excellent statement.

The war is fought with commodities. There might be foreign securities, gold in heaps and every form of metallic or paper representative of wealth invented. If there were no cannon, no airships, no rifles, bayonets, powder, bread, wheat, potatoes, clothing or the like, the war would end.

This war, like every other, is fought not with money, but rests upon the actual production of commodities used for war, either to sustain troops, or in the fighting. And war could continue, if there were no money, no securities and no finance, if only means of exchange or distribution continue by which the goods could be produced and distributed.

The true test of the productiveness of Europe is not the cost of the war, but the quantity of commodities produced. The showing in commodities is vaster than the showing by finance.

If the commodities produced per person working before the war should be measured against the commodities produced per person working since the war, the increased production would be surprisingly great.

The usual picture of a war debt grinding the face of Europe forever is not necessarily, nor even probably, true.

Since a part of the inhabitants of the fighting countries have supported themselves, and also the fighting men, on a lavish scale, all of the inhabitants of Europe, after the war is over, should be able to reproduce the wealth the war has consumed in a period less than the war.

Something of this kind must be accomplished, or the gentle- April 1, Spencer R. Gordon, superinmen who now control the several nations may have to seek new jobs. When the soldiers come back they will expect all the in- commissioners. His action caused habitants to produce more than a part of them; they will ex- little surprise in official circles and it pect the production of more commodities during peace, than take effect at the end of his present were had during the war. They will not understand an indus- tenure of office. Supt. Gordon, who trial system which can sustain millions of men in the costly has held his present position nearly waste of fighting, but does not keep people working and pros- resignation to the trustees yesterday. perous when there is nothing to do but work.

European leaders by this test must ultimately stand or fall. was left to die unattended and re-

EXPERTS AND THE LAITY

DISTINGUISHED medical editor, whose training in dia-pneumonia. lectics is as scanty as his knowledge of medicine is extensive, announces that he will not talk medicine with the laity! the demand of a policeman to

The aristocratic feeling lodges in each human heart. All send, an ambulance unconsciously our doctor-editor uses the language of kings. A a man who was round in king will not talk with the laity, said Charles Stewart; so the a State street doorway, and who was laity removed his head, close to his ears.

Our distinguished editorial friend is talking sheer nonsense. automobile took the injured citizen It was not so long ago that a portion of the laity, represent ed by the Board of Education, was addressed for the preservation of compulsory vaccination in the schools. By a lay determination, the compulsion was ruled out.

The statutes by which doctors hold some cherished rights were obtained by consultation with the laity, and will be altered, claimed her condition was the result or repealed, at the will of the laity.

The laity has great faith in experts. It believes that archi- of her injuries two days later. tects know more about architecture, doctors more about medicine, lawyers more about law, judges more about judging than Gordon, knowing the facts concerning with the exception of the social demlaymen know.

But the laity is numerous, its knowledge is universal, for to each group of experts all others are laymen. The laity knows that experts make mistakes, that they tend to undue pride of cerning policies advocated did not in history is yet to be recorded. One intellect; the laity reserves the right to correct mistakes and coincide with those of the trustees. reprove pride.

Wihout in the least impugning the great advance medicine at that time discussed the expediency has made in recent years, and it has been great, it is fair to say of removing him. It was agreed after shown that William II. was responsithat recent advances, in public health, have been largely brought other year in which to make good. about by the laity.

One group of laymen advocate temperance in drinking; an- and to cease attempting to apply the other, an intelligent diet; some fight the social evil; others open "theories" of professional charities windows, increase air spaces, and so on.

When the contribution to public health made by laymen affairs of the city have been widely is measured it is not small. It is large enough to induce a cuss his resignation and declined to thoughtful doctor to think twice before he assumes to be raised make any public statement as to his up above the necessity of consulting the great body of mankind reasons for getting out. He admited that he sent his resignation, but who are not doctors.

The laity calls in experts, but it reserves the right of judgment.

PAYING FOR PREPARATION

NE HAS but to scrutinize those who shout loudest for interested the men's clubs of various wanted war. preparation to find representatives of great wealth. church organizations on of the multitudinous newspaper and grave at Heiligen-Kreutz Abbey. These cry loudest for a tax on tea and coffee, which is a sure token of a desire to have preparation without paying for it.

Formerly war was a matter which involved chiefly the bodies of the plain people, who mostly did the fighting; also their property, because the taxes to carry on the fighting were usually laid upon the tea and coffee, the sugar and potatoes, the clothing and the homes of these same common people.

The present war is largely managed by democratic leaders: and if not this, by leaders trained in the school of state socialism. administration. The bodies of the common people are taken as usual for the war. But the property of privilege is beginning to be taken also.

In France, Germany and Great Britain the governments say ish East African expeditionary force, chine, if one accepts as true the my- irmistice was declared. The downto the strong young man, "You can fight." They say to the rich.

elderly man, "You are too old to fight, but you can pay," and they take from 35 to 50 per cent, of his income.

This makes war unpopular with the very classes who formerly looked with favor upon the fighting. The cost of preparation should not be put upon tea and coffee.

It should be raised from species of property which being more likely to take a profit from war, or war preparation, are most likely to start a war. Tax the profits on munitions, ocean freights, incomes earn-

ed in international trade or taken from foreign investments.

Such taxes will discourage war. To make the plain people fight and pay too makes war easy.

NO EXCITEMENT

THEN A BAD actor announces he will appear in a good play there is no crowd in front of the box office. Mr. King's blanket bill for an immediate millennium will

lay needed improvements, expecting to obtain funds from Mr. King's farm loan bank.

The head lines granted to his millennial bills are justified

Mr. King is the only politician deprived of his just commit tees in the General Assembly who ever had the idea of confiding to one group of twelve apostles, at \$4,000 per apostle, \$3,-000,000 with which to establish in one and the same year farm banks, mothers' pensions, old age annuities, sick benefits, baby Sateens made with double flounces, black, plum, farms, hospitals for suffering kitties and steam yachts for politicians in need of recreation.

This is not the first time Bridgeport has been treated to doses of altruism. The ice plant, where is that? The commission government plan, where, oh where is that? Where is the Warrenite laid three years ago? Where are the snows that fell last winter?

Bridgeport may rely upon a certain quantity of altruism, however, such as:-

Fifty more policemen.

A six million bond issue. An inflated grand list.

A boosted tax rate.

A million dollars worth of Warrenite.

Glory be! There are still men who love their fellows.

LUCAL CHARITIES

Superintendent's Resigna tion Causes Little Surprise in Official Circles.

Apparently convinced that he tendent of the Charities department, has tendered his resignation to the understood the resignation will

The day before Christmas, John Youngs, a Water street unfortunate, peated calls for the ambulance to remove Youngs to a hospital or summon a doctor from the emergency hospital were ignored. After suffering 14 hours Youngs died, of quick

emergency hospital had refused to remove who was found lying at first thought to be suffering from a fracture of the skull. A passing to the hospital. A record of this occurrence was registered on the po-

Following the Youngs case a woman en unconscious to police headquar-Emergency hospital attachees

the neglect of Youngs became public, other cases were also to be published. after consulting Mayor Clifford B. commissioners and allowed the report mugs of the national beverage.

A year ago Gordon's methods were tained that stage in civilization when severely scored. The commissioners war, although not impossible, is no tute regulations of practical benefit, superintendent to the department. His administration of the charity discussed. Gordon has refused to dis-Candidates for the position are

already pulling various political following in church circles, having tak- All this is but surmise, and time with body of the girl to be "taken out like Joffre, destined later to hold the en an active part in the commission its clearer vision alone can decide, a living person," and her remains, highest command in another

duties of the department, rather than

to spend time in outside work. Mr. Gordon came to Bridgeport from Cincinnati. He was one of several out of town experts in various lines brought here under the Wilson

OF LEGISLATURE

Failure to Agree on Program Holds Up Action in National Congress.

Washington, Jan. 27-Continued failure of Democratic senators to agree on a legislative program led some administration leaders to believe today that the only measures that can be passed before adjournment on March 4 are railroad labor legislation, mineral land leasing, revenue and appropriation bills. They expressed the opinion that the president would not call an extra session

if these subjects were disposed of. The senate interstate commerce committee has postponed final action on the railroad labor bill until next week. The corrupt practice, water power and flood control bills and the Webb collective foreign agency measure are still subjects of wide dis-

ERROR IN PROOF CAUSES PRICE OF CHAIRS TO FALL.

The Farmer wishes to correct an advertisement yesterday's issue, the ganizations. were priced at \$2.98, should have be affected by the federal law-the read \$12.98. The mistake was due newsies, the messengers, the clerks, to an error in reading the proof and the cashgirls, the delivery boys, and the Farmer takes this opportunity to all of the other 1,850,000 children the make the correction.

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

marked by anything of a festive na- is observed an effort will be made to the observance be confined to reliby relatives a few hours later, dying In peaceful times the twenty-seventh gious services and the display of flags. of January was the greatest of Ger-On December 27, the day before man holidays, when labor was suspended, and the masses of the people, ocrats, gathered in the beer gardens and other places of public resort to Wilson, mailed his resignation to the toast the Emperor in many brimming

> thing is certain-the world has atlonger glorious. If it should be make him respected.

Passion and prejudice still obscure the vision, and doubtless shall continue to do so until long after the war and unprejudiced opinton seems to be overwhelmingly inclined toward fixing the guilt on Germany. Even among those most certain of Germany's responsibility, however, there declined to say he had been forced for the Kaiser that he, while claiming greater power than any other sovereign of a civilized state, and assertstrings in their efforts to land the ing himself responsible to God alone, was yet the victim of the conspiracy government movement in which were how much or how little the Kaiser

churches, and having, at various times, magazine articles about the Kaiser, When, a year ago, he was before written and published before the war, the board to discuss his administration do not arford any irm basis for the of the department, Mayor Wilson, as belief that the German ruler had any spokesman for the board, counselled consuming passion for peace. The him to pay more attention to the great majority of such articles published in the American press prior to the war agree in painting the Kaiser as a monarch whose chief interest was in his military machine machine. Almost from the beginning of his reign he was known as the "War Lord," and he was never quite at ease unless clad in one of his several hun- was forced to capitulate. This Sun- 1,500,000 French subjects were transdred military uniforms. While not day will be a day of bitter memories ferred to Prussia, the vanquished na-Lieut. Gen. A. R. Hoskins was ap- neglecting the arts of peace, his great for Parisians, for it was on Jan. 28, tion had to agree to a war indemnity pointed to the command of the Brit- passion was always his military ma- 1871, that Paris surrendered, and an of 5,000,000,000 of francs. necceeding Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian riad statements about him written fall of the French capital followed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secbefore Die war.

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The Coming Week A Sale of Petticoats

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The sale last week was a great success, so after making additional purchases we continue the same prices until February first.

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Wool Jersey with sateen flounce, in regular and . 95 cts 6 extra sizes.

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shades, Heatherbloom Tops with taffeta flounces, black and colors,

Taffeta Silks, in a large variety of styles and colors. Regular prices up to \$5.95, \$4.85

Silk Jersey Petticoats with taffeta and pompadour flounces,

Jersey Skirts, all silk with wide plaited flounces in combination of colors and gold em-\$7.50 and \$10.00 boidery,



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CHILD LABOR DAY TO BE WIDELY OBSERVED.

nterest in child tabor since the enactment of the federal child labor law, according to a statement by the National Child Labor Committee. were somewhat afraid there would be tendency to withdraw support from the work of the committee under the misapprehension that the federal law ended the child labor problem," said Owen R. Lovejoy, general secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, "but it is evident from the thousands of promises to observe Child Labor Day we have received that there is no diminution in interest but that on the contrary people are keenly alive to the importance of the

work which remains to be done." Child Labor Day falls on Sunday, Jan. 28, this year, and requests for material have come from nearly 6,000 organizations which will with the National Child Labor Com-January 27 will be observfederal law can not reach because they are employed in local occupations. A special pamphlet, "Child Labor in Your State," has been pre-This is the fifty-eighth birthday of pared showing why these occupations William II., Emperor of Germany, should be regulated and what stanbut, following the precedent establish- dards the states should establish. In ed last year, the occasion will not be the schools where Child Labor Day ture. The Kaiser has ordered that convince children that it does not pay to go to work too soon. For this the National Child Labor Committee has published another pamphlet, "More Education Pays," which shows with great clearness the difference in army," says Ridpath, "and every hill begins at 18.

BARONESS VETSERA.

Jan. 27, 1889, in the royal hunting in a balloon, and made his way t lodge of the Hapsburgs, at Meyerling, southern France, where he sought by some deliberation to give him an- ble for this terrific orgy of blood, not her brief career also concluded that one man for the expulsion of the ineven the most conclusive victory could of her royal lover, Crown Prince Ru- vaders. . By this time the war dolph, only son and heir of the late had degenerated into an indescriba-Emperor Francis Joseph. The trag- ble uproar. From the spires of Paris edy will doubtless ever remain a mys- it seemed as though the heavens and tery, although the explanation which earth were rolled together. With has passed into history, but neutral found greatest credence in Austria each clearing of the sky it became was that the Crown Prince killed his more and more manifest that the resmistress in a fit of drunken rage, and | cue of the capital from the clutches that his companions, equally drunk, of the Germans was impossible." then slew the Hapsburg heir, beating | Before the siege finally ended with out his brains with champagne bot- the capitulation of Paris the brave tles. The Emperor had exacted an defenders and the civilians who had oath from his son never to see the remained in the city had reached Baroness again, but this oath he did stage of extreme poverty, rapidly not keep, and he even contemplated verging toward starvation. divorcing his wife, Crown Princess cats, even rats, were eaten by the Men's Short Boots Stephanie, so that he might wed the hunger-maddened people. Among Baroness. In an attempt to avert those who took part in the defense Mr. Gordon built up a considerable of war-mad civil and military oficials. scandal, the Emperor ordered the of Paris was a young officer named Men's Arctics nude when found, were clad in her with the hated Teutons. street clothes and she was taken in Although Paris surrendered on Jan. a carriage, seated upright, to her 28, it was not until the second of

THE CAPITULATION OF PARIS.

and Lorraine that the Frechman in arranging the conditions of peace. thirsts for "revanche" upon his old enemy, the Teuton. He remembers pitulation of Paris ended host!!!ties. the terrors of the siege of Paris, for the French had no recourse but when the once gay capital of the em- to submit to the terribly severe pire was besieged by the Germans for terms imposed by the conqueror. In 131 days, and, after horrors that no addition to the cession of territory, pen can ever adequately describe, by which Alsace and Lorraine and ten days that imposing ceremony in retary of the navy, arrived at Hayti.

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the Hall of Mirrors, in the Palace of ed by synagogues and January 29 by Verseilles, when the princes and generror which appeared in Lee Bros'. schools, clubs, colleges and other or- erals of Germany gathered to place Special emphasis will upon the head of King William of chair special in which dining chairs be laid on the children who will not Hohenzollern the imperial crown of Except for Bismarck, the Francobeen humiliated and cut to pieces,

Sedan. The soldiers of France had and the French Emperor was a prisoner. The German liberals believed that the war had accomplished enough, and demanded that it end. Bismarck and the King were not yet satisfied. They must have Paris to reared on the ruins of empire, also hoped that a continuation of the war

earning power between the boy who a battery. Round about the devoted goes to work at 14 and the one who fortresses of Paris the innumerable consummate their work. Against such fearful odds the flery valor of the Parisians could not prevail. Leon Sad and pitiful was the fate of the Gambetta, destined now to become young and lovely Baroness Mary the greatest leader of modern French Vetsera, who died 28 years ago today, republicanism, escaped from the city

army made a triumphal entry into Paris, only to withdraw a few hours later, in accordance with a biedge exacted by the French government The armistice arranged on the ca-

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eries. THE WEATHER

New Haven, Jan. 27—Forecast: Fair tonight, Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably snow; slowly rising temperature. Connecticut: Increasing cloudiness tonight followed by unsettled weather and probably snow Sunday; rising temperature; moderate variable winds, becoming

fresh east and southeast. A long ridge of high pressure extending from Ontario southward to Virginia is producing pleasant weather in all districts east of the Mississippi river. - A slight disturbance which is central over eastern Kansas is causing unsettled weather between Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river. A well defined storm area from the Pacific is central this morning over Wash-

Conditions favor for this vicinity fair weather with .low temperature tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Sunday.



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